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Hi Everyone: here are a few more notes I took at the NACAA & ADD meetings last week that I haven't yet debriefed on. There's a smattering of mildly interesting information in here – and also gives a general flavor of questions and what not. I'm not sure if I mentioned that Melinda really did a nice job handling some pretty tough questions, but even if I did, it's worth repeating twice. Melinda, feel free to supplement if you took other notes. Thanks!

NACAA (During Janet's Q/A session)

-Janet mentioned many items in her brief opening including CSAPR update (which she emphasized as very important), and quite a bit of OTAQ stuff, along with CPP.

-Wayne N. (SCAQMD): will Administration stop work 60 days before Jan. 20th – Janet said she didn't think that was required and plans to continue working

-Many areas (CA, WA, NV, MA and others) emphasized that they are doing all they can w/r/t stationary source controls impacting ozone and they need EPA to act on the petition to regulate NOx from heavy duty vehicles in order to make further progress on ozone

-Craig from Seattle asked if EPA could help with analyzing whether the onboard vapor recovery is really equivalent to stage II, apparently he feels it is not (Janet seemed to say she would 'take this back' but note it here for Megan).

-Tad (MD) asked about tips for communicating important issues to the new administration (e.g., need for regulations of NOx from heavy duty vehicles). Janet responded by essentially saying NACAA has dealt with more transitions than this one and communication avenues are in place for that to happen.

-Dave McNeil (sp?) (UT) – commended EPA on SIP management planning and appreciates EPA's efforts to reduce SIP backlog

-Then said that he feels EPA is not being transparent on Uinta basin FIP

-Encouraged EPA to think outside the box and said sometimes the CAA stands in the way of "good" decisions (cited to situation in Logan Valley with regard to mobile sources and what he called a conformity freeze)

- Janet said she'd follow-up with R8. I think Carl may have heard some of this
- Steve (?) from NY said that benzene is a big issue that needs more attention especially in communities near highways
- Lynne L. (Knoxville) gave kudos to EPA for timely issuance of guidance and the SIP backlog and bringing locals into the conversations early

NACAA During Melinda's RH Q/A

- John Hornback (SESARM) – thinks EPA could do better explaining the relationship between RPG and URP (Melinda gave a good response)
- Dave McNeil (UT) – until EPA and FLMs come up with something reasonable about fires, it won't matter what state measures exist – states feel like they really can't do anything about fires (Melinda cited to recent guidance and info in proposal re: fires)
- Frank? (MN) – asked why RAVI is still in the rule (Melinda explained)
- Susan Wierman – when the CAA was first revised re: visibility obligations, Congress appropriated funds. Now there are no funds but the rule is becoming more complex and requiring more actions so this is really a challenge
- Mary Uhl (WESTAR) – proposed guidance didn't give much info on modeling (Chet responded)
- Julie Oliver (local area in WA) noted that as RH tackles smaller sources, states and EPA need to ensure they are engaging with local agencies which adds another layer of complexity and involvement.

NACAA During Vera's EE Q/A

- Teresa Pella thanked us for the workshops and asked a few questions about them
- Charlene (NV local area) – raised issues about the guidance and Q/D and Region 9's interpretation (Elizabeth Adams heard this and we are following up). She also sent a positive message about working with FLMs and noted that her area + FLMs were able to share resources on demonstration development which was great.
- Larry (Sacramento) said he's also been coordinating with R9 and raised question about aggregation and combining analyses (I responded)

-Alan (small area in CA?) – said it's tough that his area is 40% national forest and so he's got very limited resources (I referred him to Charlene's experience working with FLMs)

-Bill Becker closed out the session by emphasizing that EPA has to get EE right considering that the ozone NAAQS is "under fire" in congress.

ADD Sessions that I haven't already reported out on:

Next Gen (Eileen F. R5)

-Juan is apparently involved in effort re: Next Gen in permitting work plan, also Rs 1 and 3 involved. This is an important part of EJ 2020. States will need measurable impacts as a result of EJ 2020 (??). Region 9 working on a permitting template. Folks seemed to think Juan was in the loop on this stuff.

Rule Effectiveness (Betsy Shaw and Becky)

-Becky W chairs a cross-agency rule effectiveness workgroup

-The focus is on the ADP process and regions feel like they have a lot to learn about the ADP process

-Some regions have ADP SOPs, and apparently regions feel this is something where they could stand to learn more

-Janet emphasized the importance of being creative

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